

selectively performing liquid/solid separation of said faecal waste water; and performing fermentation of solids of said faecal waste water.

33. A method of treating sewage; said method comprising:

separately collecting faecal waste water with urine separation toilets; and performing fermentation of said faecal waste water.

34. A method of utilizing black water; said method comprising:

- (a) separately collecting black water from toilets with or without urinals;
- (b) selectively performing liquid/solid separation of the black water collected in (a);
- (c) performing oxidation by microorganisms of a liquid phase obtained in (b);
- (d) performing solid/liquid separation of the product obtained in (c);
- (e) selectively utilizing the liquid phase obtained in (d) for at least one of:
 - (i) collecting black water according to (a); and
 - (ii) as mineral fertilizer;

and

- (f) optionally repeating (a) through (e) one or more times.

REMARKS


Claims 31-34 are all the claims pending in the present application, claims 1-30 having been canceled. The addition of claims 31-34 does not introduce new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 31-34 are allowable, and consequently, that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early favorable action on the merits is requested.

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